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SUBJECT : Brazil-Uruguay Boundary

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Additional data is needed on the current status of the Brazil-Uruguay Boundary. This request is being made of both Embassies to insure that the viewpoints of the two states are considered on possibly contentious matters.

In the Treaty of Boundaries between the Republic of Uruguay and the Argentine Republic in the Uruguay River, signed at Montevideo on April 7, 1961, Uruguay made a reservation on the point of origin of the boundary at the confluence of the Río Uruguay and the Río Cuareim. The treaty stated that in the Sagarna Rodriguez Alves Supplementary Convention on Boundaries of December 27, 1927 between Argentina and Brazil, "the so-called 'Isla Brasilera' was attributed to the sovereignty of Brazil through a manifestly erroneous interpretation of and application to the real geographic situation of the Treaty of Boundaries between Uruguay and Brazil of October 12, 1851."

The reservation showed that the Argentina-Brazil-Uruguay tripoint was in dispute with the ownership of Isla Brasilera contested between Brazil and Uruguay. Argentina was not involved. If the dispute has been resolved, the present sovereignty of the island is needed along with the exact location of the tripoint.

Information also is needed on two other river sectors of the boundary which may be in dispute. A question has been raised apparently as to which stream is actually the Arroyo de la Invernada (Arroio

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Invernada). This stream is a branch of the Río Cuarein which forms the boundary in the vicinity of 30°48'S. and 56°01'W. The second sector is the Arroyo del Chuy (Arroio Chuí) in the vicinity of 33°46'S. and 53°24'W., which marks the boundary where it reaches the Atlantic. The river is reported to have shifted its course leaving some territory in dispute. Likewise, data on other possible disputes would be appreciated.

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